

REMARKS

The Claimed Invention

The claimed invention is directed to diagnostic methods for drug screening for Alzheimers.

The Pending Claims

Prior to entry of the above amendments, Claims 1 and 3-26 are pending.

The Office Action

Claims 1 and 3-25 are rejected.

Claim 26 is allowed.

Amendments

The amendments have been made as suggested by the Examiner.

Response to the objections and rejections

In the response that follows, the Examiner's individual objections and rejections are provided in full text, as identified by indented small bold print, followed by Applicant's response.

Objection

Priority Claim

4. Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. (ss)120 as follows:
 5. An application in which the benefits of an eariler application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence of the specification or in an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5)). The specific reference to any prior nonprovisional application must include the relationship (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation in part) between the applications except when the reference is to a prior application of a CPA assigned the same application number

The subject application was filed as a continuation of prior application USSN 09/193,221 filed November 16, 1998. In the Transmittal for the subject application, Applicants specifically requested that the specification be amended to refer to the prior application (see page 3 of the attached copy of the Transmittal filed July 14, 1999). The correct year of filing of the prior application appears on page 1 of the Transmittal; there is an error in the information on page 3 of the Transmittal. The information is corrected above and the current status of the prior application updated.

Specification

6. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: misspellings "0.fl mV" (pp.4 line 9), "thre" (pp .4 line 27) and unclear abbreviation "1sec" (pp. 9 line 12).
Appropriate correction is required

The informalities have been corrected as indicated above.

Drawings

7. The drawings are objected to because Figure 5 is missing. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance. The Applicant is reminded to avoid the introduction of new matter. (see 35 U.S.C. (ss)112).

The subject application was filed as a continuation of prior application USSN 09/193,221 filed November 16, 1998. As required under 37 CFR 1.63 (d), the specification is identical to that of the prior application. The prior application lacked Figure 5. A petition under 37 CFR 1.181 was

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made requesting that a filing date be accorded to the prior application since the missing Figure was not necessary to the understanding of the claimed invention. A copy of the petition is attached hereto.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The written description and enablement rejections are believed avoided by amendment of the claims as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants state for the record that for the reasons already made of record that the claims as previously presented are enabled by the specification and also that the specification meets the written description requirement. They reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled subject matter in one or more subsequent applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above response and amendment, it is submitted that this application is now in form for allowance. Early notice to that effect is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (831) 648-3090.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 3, 2004



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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors: Roberto Malinow, Sahid Zaman, Sangram S. Sisodia, David R. Borchelt, and Michael K. Lee

For: Diagnostic Methods for Drug Screening for Alzheimer's Disease

This application is a [X] Continuation [] Divisional [] Continuation-in-part of prior Application No.: 09/193,221 filed November 16, 1998, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed.

Application Elements:

- 14 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
4 Sheets of formal Drawings

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Declaration

- Unexecuted Combined Inventor Declaration and Power of Attorney
 Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).

The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
 Power of Attorney
 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449
 Copies of IDS Citations
 Preliminary Amendment
 Return Receipt Postcard
 Small Entity Statement(s)
 Statement filed in prior application.
Status still proper and desired.
 Other:
 A sequence listing.
 paper copy.
 computer readable copy.
 Statement in Compliance with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence.

Claim For Foreign Priority

- Priority of _____ Application No. _____ filed on _____
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. 09/193,221
 the certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- [] A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Amendments

- [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a
[X] Continuation [] Continuation-in-part [] Divisional application of copending prior
[X] Application No. 09/193,221 filed on November 16, 1999.
[] International Application _____ filed on _____, which designated the United States, disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."
[] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee

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Total Claims	12	0	\$ 9	\$	\$ 18	\$
Indep Claims	4	1	\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 78	\$
[] Multiple Dependent Claims			\$130	\$	\$260	\$
Total Filing Fee:				\$419		\$

TOTAL FEES: \$419.00

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extension of time is still required after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered.

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- Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 including fees for the presentation of extra claims.
- Any parent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 14, 1999

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Roberto Malinow, *et al.*) Examiner:
Serial No.: 09/193,221)
Filed: November 16, 1998)
For: DIAGNOSTIC METHODS FOR)
DRUG SCREENING FOR)
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE)

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181

Applicants' attorney petitions the Honorable Commissioner to confirm the filing date accorded the subject application.

A filing date was accorded the subject application. The cover sheet and postcard did not indicate that drawings were included, but the application does refer to 5 figures. It is possible that the drawings accompanied the application when filed and that two errors were committed: failure to indicate the presence of the drawings with the documents; and the loss of the drawings at the Patent Office. However, since the situation is not free from doubt, applicants' attorney is filing this petition.

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on July 16, 1999.

Signature: 
Printed Name: Barbara Rae-Ventres

«Roberto Malinow», et al.

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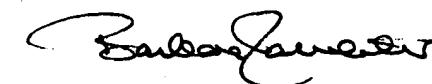
Accompanying this response is an amendment canceling the references to the drawings. Since the drawings are unnecessary for a complete description of the invention, the filing date accorded the subject application should be confirmed.

The claimed subject invention is a method for screening drugs for treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The methodology employed is based on published procedures. The figures are graphs whose data are extensively set forth in the specification in the description of the figures. The data set forth are adequate for demonstrating the results and providing a comparison for the results obtained to results which might be obtained in the future. In addition, there is verbal description of the methodology, in addition to the literature directions, direction one would expect for the results for an effective drug, as well as standards to be used. See particularly, page 8, line1 to page 9, line 29.

The drawings are unnecessary for an understanding of the methodology, the nature of the cells used and the anticipated results for effectiveness of a drug. The drawings graph the results reported in the literature and merely provided a convenient assembly of the data. Copies of the drawings are submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience, but not for completing the application as filed.

In view of the above remarks, the Honorable Commissioner is respectfully requested to confirm the filing date accorded the subject application and direct prosecution of this application. The appropriate fee accompanies this petition.

Respectfully submitted.



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